

Rooftop Art 2017-2018 **ART IS A PATHWAY**

FAMILY ART NIGHT
HARRIET'S SPIRIT
with **MARCUS SHELBY**

Wednesday, November 1, 2017
5:30pm-7:30pm • Burnett MPR

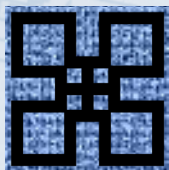


The Rooftop community is invited to enjoy an evening of artistic call and response with composer Marcus Shelby and teaching artist Andi Wong. At this very special Family Art Night, Marcus will discuss his newest musical composition for Opera Parallèle's *Harriet's Spirit*, a brand new opera written for Rooftop School. He will introduce families to the opera's musical themes. Families will also work together create their own family story quilt artwork, art which will be incorporated into the opera's production design.

Please bring a story and/or a photo about a family journey to inspire your art-making.

All ages are welcome. A light dinner will be served.

Please RSVP by October 29, 2017 to art@rooftopk8.org or via Parent Square.



In the Fall of 2007, Marcus Shelby's jazz oratorio, "*Harriet Tubman*," was the selected work of study for "Art Is Jazz," beginning the composer's long-standing relationship with Rooftop School. A decade later, Rooftop's musical journey with Harriet Tubman continues with Opera Parallèle's *Harriet's Spirit*, the story of a middle school girl who triumphs over the challenges of adolescence with Civil War-era legend Harriet Tubman as her role model and spirit guide.

Harriet's Spirit will feature acclaimed singers Tiffany Austin (Harriet Tubman) and Christabel Nunoo (Modesty) and Rooftop eighth grade students in performances conducted by Lucik Aprahamian. *Harriet's Spirit* will premiere on January 18 at 6 p.m.; January 20 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Buriel Clay Theater at the African American Art & Culture Complex.

FAMILY ART NIGHTS & MAYEDA MEDIA NIGHTS were established to provide Rooftop students and their families with additional opportunities to further their learning, share educational resources, and build community through the arts.

